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1. [REDACTED] there was a serious shortage of petroleum products in Hungary. [REDACTED] the Ministry of Mail and Communications was attempting to speed up oil shipments from Austria via the Danube, in spite of the fact that low water had brought Danube traffic almost to a halt. Meszhart tankers with light loads of petroleum products were being towed downriver to Komarom, Hungary, in December 1953.

2. The Hungarian government increased rail shipments of petroleum at the end of 1953, although they are considerably more expensive than barge shipments. About 80 railroad tank cars were rented from the SMV [REDACTED]

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3. [REDACTED] the shortage of oil was so serious that if shipments were not received soon, all factories using oil would be forced to close and bus transportation would be suspended, since there were no oil reserves in Hungary.

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